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William L. Lane

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William L. Lane (1931– March 8, 1999) was an American New Testament theologian and professor of biblical studies.

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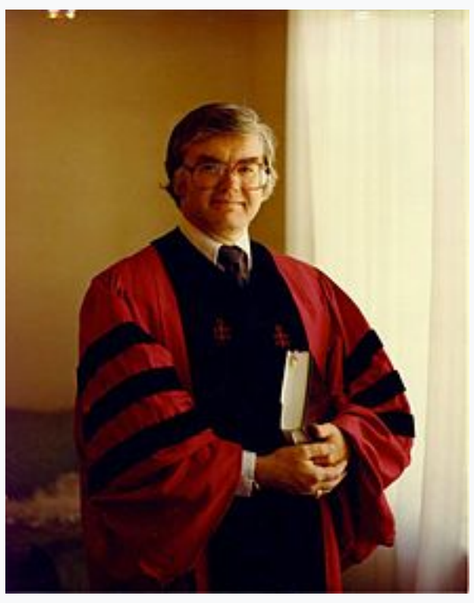

William L. Lane	
Born	1931
Died	1999 (aged 67–68) Nashville, Tennessee
Occupation	Professor of Biblical Studies
Years active	20th century
Academic background	
Education	Wesleyan University, Gordon Divinity School, Westminster Theological Seminary
Alma mater	Harvard Divinity School (Th.D.)
Academic work	
Discipline	Biblical studies
Institutions	Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Western Kentucky University Seattle Pacific University
Notable works	*The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Missions*, *The New Testament Speaks*, *The Gospel According to Mark* (NICNT)

Background and education [edit source]

Lane has earned his B.A. from Wesleyan University, his M.Div. from Gordon Divinity School (1955),[1] his Th.M. from Westminster Theological Seminary (1956),[2] and his Th.D. from Harvard Divinity School.

Academic career [edit source]

Lane began his academic career as professor of New Testament and Judaic studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He went on to serve as professor of religious studies at Western Kentucky University for fifteen years. During this time, he became a mentor to Christian singer and songwriter Michael Card.[3] He was also recognized with the faculty award for "Distinguished Contributions in Research or Creativity" for the 1983–1984 academic year.[4] Lane joined the faculty of Seattle Pacific University as dean of the School of Religion in 1989. He was named "Professor of the Year" by the student body in 1992, and served as the Paul T. Walls Chair in Wesleyan and Biblical Studies from 1993 until his retirement in 1997.[5]

In addition to these roles, Lane also served as one of the translators of the New American Standard Bible,[6] and the New International Version.[7]

Death and legacy [edit source]

In retirement, Lane moved with his wife to Franklin, Tennessee, where they established a residential biblical research library and discipleship center. Lane died of cancer in a hospital near Nashville, Tennessee, on March 8, 1999.[5]

Publications [edit source]

Lane was the author or editor of several notable works, including *The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Missions* (1967),[2] *The New Testament Speaks* (1969),[8] *The Gospel According to Mark* in The New International Commentary on the New Testament (1974),[9] and the two-volume commentary on the Epistle to the Hebrews in the *Word Biblical Commentary* (1991), which was awarded the 1993 *Christianity Today* Critic's Choice for "Book of the Year".[5]

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